

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **Kasson & Mantorville  
Telephone Company's** Request for Approval  
of Certified Actual Costs Associated with the  
**LeSueur County** 911 Emergency Telephone  
Services System

ISSUE DATE: March 27, 2001

DOCKET NO. **P539/01-393**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911  
SYSTEM COSTS

**BACKGROUND**

On September 18, 1984, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Le Sueur County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On September 24, 1985, the Commission approved the actual costs U S West Communications (formerly known as Northwestern Bell) incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Le Sueur County.

On November 26, 1985, the Commission approved the initial actual costs Central Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Le Sueur County.

On March 11, 1986, the Commission approved Central Telephone Company's second cost certification.

On December 29, 1988, the Commission approved Central Telephone Company's third cost certification.

On October 31, 1996, the Commission approved U.S. West Communications costs incurred for placing a portion of Automatic Numbering Identification (ANI) and Local Location Identification (LLI) in the 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in LeSueur County.

On May 17, 1999, the Commission approved Independent Emergency Services, Limited Liability Company incurred for placing a portion of tandem based ANI in the 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in LeSueur County.

On August 29, 2000, the Commission approved the actual costs Kasson Mantorville Telephone Company incurred in providing interexchange circuits for tandem based ANI service in the 911 Emergency Services system in LeSueur County.

On September 25, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs Independent Emergency Services, LLC incurred for installing trunks between the LeSueur Exchange and the Kasson Router for tandem based ANI service in the 911 Emergency Services system in LeSueur County.

### **CURRENT FILING**

The County has accepted plans to add router based ANI, Automatic Location Identification (ALI) and Selective Routing (SR) for their 911 Emergency Services system. With most of the installations complete, Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company (the Company) is now providing circuits for the appropriate routing of wireless 911 calls.

On August 16, 2000, the Company installed two, one party, Business (B1) lines to selective routers for routing of wireless 911 calls to Exchanges in LeSueur County.

On February 28, 2001, the Company certified actual costs incurred for installing the B1 lines in LeSueur County.

The Company is now requesting Commission approval of the actual costs of the B1 lines installed to route wireless calls in the 911 Emergency Services system in LeSueur County. Commission approval is necessary before the of Administration (DOA) will make payments for 911 system costs.

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11, subd. 3 states:

Subd. 3 (METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION.) A public utility incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 shall certify those costs to the commissioner of administration. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed by the commissioner after consultation with the public utilities commission. If the commissioner and the commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and accurate, the commissioner shall pay the certified costs from money appropriated for that purpose within 90 days following receipt by the commissioner of the certified costs. The commissioner of administration shall estimate the amount required to reimburse public utilities for the state's obligations under subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section and the governor shall

include the estimated amount in the biennial budget request.

Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company has certified, in writing, that the elements of 911 services and associated costs indicated on Attachment A, reflect only charges for services actually rendered in the direct provision of 911 service in LeSueur County.

All charges listed on Attachment A are in accordance with the Company's tariffs.

The Commission finds that the costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service in LeSueur County which have been certified by the Company are appropriate and accurate.

Policy References:

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11 System Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1400 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Recurring Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1500 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Central Office Modification Costs

**ORDER**

1. The costs identified on Attachment A accompanying this Order are approved as appropriate and accurate pursuant to the Commission's March 21, 2000 Standing Order Designating Filings Requesting Certification of 911 Costs As Filings Subject to Approval Under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, Subd. 7, Docket No. P-999/CI-99-1723.
2. This Order does not approve payment of any 911 system costs. Any possible future approval of payment for system costs shall be granted by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 403.11.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY )

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001 (s)he served the attached **Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for LeSueur County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P539/ES-393.**

XX By depositing in the United States Mail at the City of St. Paul, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage prepaid

XX By personal service

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a notary public, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

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Notary Public